

# MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

## Minutes

Monday, July 15, 2019

5:57 PM

Magnolia Town Hall

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier, Scott Fowler, Buck Dougherty, Brian Howard and Ashton McLaughlin were present. Dustan Russum, Ralph Satterfield and Diane Cahall were present.

### **Additions/deletions to published agenda**

The agenda was updated with the addition of Council Membership and notation that Patel Property 31/33 S. Main on hold until August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Buck Dougherty requested discussion regarding two yellow street post and removal of tree stump on town lot next to his property on S. Main.

### **Council Minutes of previous meeting.**

Buck Dougherty made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Brian Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Diane Cahall presented the following treasurer report: All 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter water bills and annual property taxes were mailed on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Jim Frazier made a motion to approve the report and to pay the bills. Ashton McLaughlin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

### **Public Works Report**

Dustan Russum presented the water report:

The town used 1,567,000 gallons of water during June 2019. Pump 2: 652,000 gallons. Pump 3: 915,000 gallons. Well levels: 36', 30' and 39'. Pump 2 ran 42.5 hours, Pump 3 ran 52.4 hours. Chlorine average chlorine is .66 and Fluoride average is .8. Dustan provided the following information on the Sensiphone dialer. This device would contact Dustan via cell phone if the pumps shut off or the psi drops below the minimum of 31.3; the device goes on at 29.0 psi. The device can be installed by Ray Horney Industries of Bridgeville at a cost of \$967.38. Jackie from Verizon stated it would cost approximately \$20 per month for service. After council discussion; Buck Dougherty made a motion to approve the project. Ashton McLaughlin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

Dustan informed council that he has been in contact with Heather regarding the EPA grant. Project is on hold while they work on requirements by the EPA.

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Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Slow month; All lines flushed, normal with some heavy discoloration on W. Walnut. Electric cable work has been completed; they went over head rather than under our lines on W. Walnut. Flushing stand pipe 2-3 times per week. Ralph removed the auto flusher and will return to DRWA; does not help.

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### **New Business:**

#### **Building Maintenance:**

Mayor Frazier advised council that the following projects need to be addressed:

1. Town Hall roof – replacement.
2. Town Hall, lean-to on west side - tear off
3. Town Hall front wall - questions have been raised about its structural integrity
4. Pump House (#2 pump) - new roof needed
5. Maintenance Bldg - door frame on south facing is rotted out.

Councilman Buck Dougherty can complete the projects and will provide a quote to the council. Brian Howard made a motion for Mr. Dougherty to proceed with the projects; James Frazier 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion approved.

#### **Council Membership:**

Mayor Frazier notified council that Ashton McLaughlin has accepted a new job with a company in Rehoboth and it will be impossible for her to made the council meetings. She has agreed to remain on council as long as possible. Buck Dougherty, James Frazier and Ashton McLaughlin are up for reelection in 2020.

#### **Tree Stump on Town lot:**

Buck Dougherty advised Council that the lawn mowing company is cutting grass on his property to avoid a tree stump on the town lot. Diane will contact Frazier's lawn care and request they remove the stump and stay on the town property when mowing.

### **Old Business:**

#### **MPO Traffic Study:**

Mayor Frazier advised council that at meeting time we are still waiting on DelDot to respond regarding the assessment.

#### **Code Enforcement:**

The following nine properties are in code violations: 7 N Main, 24 S Main, 19 S Main, 20 S Main, 15 W Walnut, 16 W Walnut, 20 W Walnut, 22 W Walnut, 23 a/b S Main. Council discussed the many problems at the Farrow property on South Main. Buck Dougherty stated the Fire Marshall has been called several times (he stated is no arson no action can be taken. Brian Howard is trying to obtain the number of times Fire Company and/or police have been called to property. It is a safety issue for the entire community. Buck Dougherty suggested calling DNREC regarding the problem.

**Good of the Order:**

Council discussed:

The 1.2 Million dollars that Sen. Bonini pledged to the renovation of the old Library from the 17th districts transportation fund is now going to be used for general expenses. To read the entire article and obtain further information please visit:

<https://delawarestatenews.net/news/wesley-college-seeking-to-redirect-bond-bill-money/>

**Facebook:**

Nothing to report this month.

**Adjournment:**

Ashton McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm. Second by Buck Dougherty. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,  
Diane P. Cahall